

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 187

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ben Shapiro and The Daily Wire on relocating to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee welcomes all truth seekers and puts a premium on the truth and facts; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee welcomes all truth speakers and recognizes that truth matters more than emotion; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes, as President Ronald Reagan did, that "facts are stubborn things"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee agrees with John Adams that "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."; and

WHEREAS, as we ponder these home truths, we are pleased to welcome to Tennessee The Daily Wire, a media company, and its co-founder and editor Ben Shapiro, who has truthfully said, "Facts don't care about your feelings."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shapiro and The Daily Wire are leaving his home state and home city to relocate to the Nashville area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shapiro is leaving Los Angeles due to high housing costs, rampant homelessness, the extraordinary state and local tax burden, the city's refusal to maintain law and order, and the deliberate degradation of the quality of life for citizens; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Shapiro has succinctly pointed out, "There is no such thing as 'your truth.' There is the truth and your opinion," and there is no doubt that liberal California is declining while conservative Tennessee is thriving both economically and socially; and

WHEREAS, California's loss is most certainly Tennessee's gain as Mr. Shapiro and The Daily Wire's employees will contribute significantly to our economy and add to our already burgeoning pool of creative talent; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to see Mr. Shapiro transfer his allegiance to the Volunteer State and become a Tennessean, because as a truth seeker and a truth speaker he is an eloquent defender of the First Amendment rights that all Tennesseans treasure; and

WHEREAS, through his outstanding work in media, Mr. Shapiro has distinguished himself as a fierce defender of the truth and the constitutional right of all Americans to express their beliefs, saying "Freedom of speech and thought matters, especially when it is speech and thought with which we disagree. The moment the majority decides to destroy people for engaging in thought it dislikes thought crime becomes a reality."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Ben Shapiro and his associates at The Daily Wire on their relocation to Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in discovering and disseminating the truth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.